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SUBJECT: FOSTER-WHEELER WINS KNPC CONTRACT AWARD

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING FOSTER-WHELLER CONTRACT TO BUILD NEW HYDROCRACHER FOR THE KUWAIT NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY'S REFINERY. CONTRACT IS FOR \$70 MILLION AND NOT \$80 MILLION AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. IT CALLS FOR FOSTER-WHEELER TO PROVIDE THE PROCESS AND MECHANICAL DESIGN, PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MAJOR HYDROCRACKER EXPANSION FOR THE REFINERY. THE PROJECT INCLUDES A 42,000 BPSD CHEVRON ISO CRACKING PROCESS UNIT REQUIRING A REACTOR VESSEL OF 900 TONS. COMPLETION OF WORK IS SCHEDULED FOR SUMMER 1977.

2. FOSTER-WHEELER PREVIOUSLY DID THE PROCESS AND MECHANICAL DESIGN AND EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT FOR THE ORIGINAL 95,000 BPSD PLANT WHICH BEGAN OPERATION IN 1968. SINCE THEN THE REFINERY HAS PROCESSED AS MUCH AS 156,000 BPSD AND WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 180,000 BPSD WHEN SNAM-PROGETTI FINISHES ITS DEBOTTLENECKING PROJECT THIS SUMMER.

3. CONTRACT WAS ACTUALLY WON BY FOSTER-WHEELER ENERGY CORP., A FOSTER-WHEELER SUBSIDIARY HEADQUARTERED IN LIVINGSTON, N.J. STOLTZFUS

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